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Tenet Healthcare Foundation Awards Merit Scholarships to Children of Employees

Twelve students from across the country receive college scholarships

DALLAS – April 25, 2006 – Tenet Healthcare Foundation, the charitable giving arm of Tenet Healthcare Corporation (NYSE: THC), announced today that 12 children of Tenet employees will receive college scholarships through the Tenet Healthcare Foundation Merit Scholarship Program. The program, which is administered for the Tenet Healthcare Foundation by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, awards renewable college scholarships to children of Tenet employees who meet the standards set by both organizations.

By state, the 2006 Tenet Healthcare Foundation Merit Scholarship recipients and the facility where their parent works are:

Alabama

Harrison B. Greer, son of Karan G. Greer, Brookwood Medical Center, Birmingham

California

Benjamin W. Allen, son of Dawn M. Allen, Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, Modesto

Amy D. Lu, daughter of Linda J. Liang, USC University Hospital, Los Angeles

Whitney M. Moret, daughter of Faith Moret, Doctors Medical Center of Modesto, Modesto

Florida

Schlomo M. Bolts, son of Judith C. Gibel, Parkway Regional Medical Center, North Miami

Michael S. Wolynski, son of Brigid Wolynski, West Boca Medical Center, Boca Raton

Georgia

Sonica Y. Li, daughter of Qian Zhang, North Fulton Regional Hospital, Roswell

Nebraska

Stephen D. Ducey, son of Ann M. Ducey, Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha

Texas

Stephen N. Brown, son of Stephen F. Brown, Tenet Healthcare Headquarters Office, Dallas

Megan A. Campbell, daughter of Kathleen P. Campbell, Providence Memorial Hospital, El Paso

Amara C. Uhiara, daughter of Adeze C. Uhiara, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, Houston

Agustin N. Zentay, son of Alesia K. Zentay, Houston Northwest Medical Center, Houston

The students are all high school seniors who qualified through their scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) and then met further criteria, including an outstanding academic record; a recommendation from their school's principal; SAT scores that confirmed their PSAT/NMSQT performance; and an essay describing their activities, interests and goals.

"I'm proud that, with the help of the Tenet Healthcare Foundation, twelve children of Tenet employees will receive scholarships for their college educations," said Maria Martineau Plankinton, director of the Tenet Healthcare Foundation. "These scholarship recipients are some of the best and brightest students in the country and well-deserving of this prestigious award. I wish them all the best in their college careers."

Currently, Tenet has approximately 77,800 employees. To be eligible for the Tenet Healthcare Foundation Merit Scholarship Program, children of employees must take the PSAT/NMSQT, usually in the fall of their junior year. Semi-finalists are chosen based on their test scores, with the highest scoring program entrants in each state representing less than one percent of a state's seniors. Finalists are selected after meeting further criteria set by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Approximately 1,000 high school seniors received corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships from about 300 companies, foundations and other business organizations. Scholarships range from \$500 to a

maximum of \$2,000 per year up to four years of college undergraduate study, or until baccalaureate degree requirements are completed, whichever occurs first.

Tenet Healthcare Foundation is a charitable foundation sponsored by Tenet Healthcare Corporation. Endowed by Tenet, the Foundation, along with Tenet California, directs most of its grants to help unmet health care needs in the communities served by facilities owned by Tenet subsidiaries. The Foundation also provides grants to various educational, social services, civic and humanities-supporting organizations nationwide.

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